Today

Why Bother With It? More Suicides Than Usual. Do You Know About Wolves?

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Senator Lodge says the Pacific treaty "commits America to no obligation, except to consult, in case of controversy." Then, why make such a fuss about it? We'd surely consult in case of controversy, anyhow. Mr. Lodge says the fourpower treaty ends the Anglo-Japanese alliance, dangerous to us. That is enlightening. What

do we gain by mixing in that alliance, taking upon ourselves new responsibilities? We make their affairs our affairs, and tie ourselves up in their quarrels. So much simpler to say, "We'll mind our own business," and we need no treaty to do that.

Suicides increase in number throughout the country. For instance, Philadelphia reports 260 for last year, a new record. Women, being more courageous, commit suicide more rarely than men. The figures were 188 male and 72 female suicides. The causes were the old ones, old as history-love affairs going badly, disease making life hideous. money troubles, disgrace, and one NEW one, very extra bad whiskey.

G. P. M., of Los Angeles, wants information about the wolf that killed eighty people in France in the eighteenth century, fought the whole population of his district, and finally caused the King to order out forty thousand men to hunt him down and get him.

Have you the information? Wolves are interesting; the most interesting of them all is the wolf that was converted by St Francis, gave up a meat diet, and walked humbly thereafter. The wiping out of wolves in England is an interesting chapter in zoology. The King of Wales paid King Edgar an annual tribute of three hundred wolf skins. In Ireland a law was passed forbidding the exportation of wolf dogs. huge hounds that killed the wolves. King Athelstan, best of the Saxon kings, used to build towers in which travelers could climb when the wolves attacked them. And there was the wolf in Red Riding Hood that we all know, and a wolf at the door that many ex-service men know.

Last Saturday Mr. Harding finished his first year as President. He has worked hard, sincerely trying to solve problems that the war handed to him. His greatest service thus far is the law permitting co-operative marketing by farmers. The farmers owe that to him-he forced it through,

Gentlemen of Chicago dealing in farm produce will send out broadcast to farmers, every half hour, information as to farm prices by wireless—a miraculous development of science.

Later-much later probably-THE FARMERS will send out to dealers information as to what farm products will cost. Prices, some day, will be fixed by the man that produces and knows what production has cost

It costs too much to do business, which means TO DIS-TRIBUTE PRODUCTS, in this country. Mr. Hinman gives you the figures. Ten billions. Billions' worth of goods were traced. It cost three billions to haul the goods. That went to railroads, track men, commission merchants, etc. Wholesale jobbers got two billions and the retailing cost was five bil-

Therefore, the public paid TWENTY billions for goods that the producers sold for TEN billions. It is not all "profiteering" by any means. Much of it is bad management. Eighty per cent of the waste is part of the system. We have solved the problems of production with modern machinery and farm tools. But of distribution we know no more than the Egyptians—with slave labor they did it more cheaply.

Scientists of Purdue University prove that more than 75 per cent of children with tuberculosis get the disease from cattle through the milk—and this after misleading doctors had said that cattle could not communicate the disease to human beings. It is urged that suberculosis be wiped out in cattle to save children.

While waiting for that, Pasteurize thoroughly your children's milk, or boil it if pasteurizing is too much trouble. One dose of raw milk may nean consumption-or other Nathan Straus has preached and proved that for thirty years.

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Sad Ku Klux Story Works Like Magic Lamp

'Child Victimized by Destiny,' They Call Him-Petition Too Late to Reach Harding.

An unusual human document, in the form of a petition, signed by 445 prisoners in the District jail, was sent today to the White House, urging President Harding to prevent the execution tomorrow morning of John McHenry, youthful slayer of Detective Sergeant James E. Armstrong and Wallace W. Mulcare.

A Child They Say.

Not all of the prisoners who signe the petition are professional and hardened criminals, some of them being men who committed minor offenses for which they are serving short terms. They all have come he was placed in a "death cell" and they feel that "his youth and child's mind did not realize what he was doing when he killed.'

As President Harding left yester day for the South, it is not likely that the chief executive will receive it in time to give it consideration before the time set for McHenry's execution:

Here is the text of the petition: The undersigned prisoners of the District of Columbia Jail in response to the promptings of our better selves and under the influence of the abiding sadness of the occasion. humbly petition you in behalf of a fellow human-being in the travail of impending dissolution.

Recognizing the majesty of the law and bowing, as we do, to its wise mandates which have made prisoners of us all; and because of our daily contact with him and our deep regret for the not wholly in evitable ceremony indicated for the 10th instant, we beg to petition you for the life of John McHenry now under sentence of death within twenty-four hours. Knowing that only from your merciful hands can such bounty come we make you this

last appeal. Manhood in Him.

Venturing not upon the forbidden ground of the alienist, we are convinced nevertheless, that McHenry is neither average or normal. He is the offspring of an environment lacking in all the conventions of right living. He is the victim of surroundings and while he has sinned he deserves, we make bold to urge upon you, something less than extermination. His youth and his child's mind appeal to us even as our reluctant eyes turn from the shameful pathway leading to the scaffold, where, even now sounds of preparations are audible, while the machinery of man's justice is being put into readiness. For what there may be left of good in him we petition your mercy and ask that be permitted to expiate his sins this side of the grave.

Despite the record, we who have observed him most believe there is yet a flickering spark of manhood left in him which might be encouraged into full flame rather than be snuffed out forever save for our intervening and merciful hand. Let the law, we humbly urge upon you, assume responsibility life only badly begun and deliver him not unto death until his re-demption is complete.

'CZAR'S' RELATIVE TO SUE MINNESOTA MILLIONAIRE

CHICAGO, March 9 .- A Minne sota millionaire, whose name is being kept secret, may be sued in being ke who claims relationship with the late Czar Nicholas of Russia. An drew R. Sheriff, attorney for Mme Girenkova, has asked the Federa

authorities to investigate her story Mme. Girenkova came to Chicago year ago expecting to marry the Minnesotan, according to Mr. Sheriff. She found the man already was her. Now he has withdrawn all support and she is employed as a manicurist in a hotel barber-shop Sheriff has been trying to induce the millionaire to make a cash settlement of some sort. He intimated that he would, if necessary, take the case into the Federal courts.

First Pictures of The

And Viscount Lascelles Being Married.

Royal Wedding Fail To Halt Divorce Inquiry



and Crude Inanities as Scaffold Shadows Son.

When Mrs. Mary Rice came to Washington to "save her son's life" Tuesday morning from her home in New London, Conn., she little realized she would attend her first social function in a big city. She is be. Cuba C Sugar.....

Yesterday she was invited to at-League at its pretentious quarters in fashionable Mt. Pleasant. She was told that the League was opposed to capital punishment and would try to

Early Trading In New York Stocks

Allied Chemical & Dye..... 57%
American Con American La France American Sugar Erie California Petroleum

Crucible Steel Fisk Rubber Kresge

President Fills It Out Before Vacation-Party En Route to Florida.

By FRANK A. STETSON,

is skirting the coast of South Carolina.

ON BOARD PRESIDENT HARD ING'S SPECIAL TRAIN EN ROUTE TO ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., March 9.—Greatly refreshed by a sound night's slumber, President Harding awoke this morning to look out upon familiar scenes as his special train

The train is keeping up to schedule and will reach Savannah, Ga., this framed the bonus bill next Satur-(Continued on Page 2, Column 5.) Lake Erie & West pfd...... 30% (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.) day to consider the bill.

Then for Direct Vote. Adoption Expected.

The soldier bonus bill will be by the House Monday, unless plans completed by House Republican leaders today

are changed. Under set rules of the House the bill can be called up on that date and by a two-thirds vote sent along to passage without opportunity being offered for changes, and on a will mean a vote for or a vote against a soldier bonus. It is believed that the bill will get far more than the required two-thirds of all votes cast.

nate \$12 worth of service and material;

A junk man to appropriate an automobile wheel and three or four square meals;

Because of the general interest in the legislation an arrangement will be made whereby longer time than usual for discussion will be

This course has been decided upon tentatively by the House Republican leaders to choke off a threatened move on the part of ad-vocates of a sales tax from joining with advocates for re-enactment of an excess profits tax to hang to the bonus bill a provision carrying these two taxes. Few of the House leaders favor a sales tax, and no Republican leader will stand for an excess profits tax.

Democratic members of the Ways Means Committee will meet

Homeless, Enlists Sympathy by Narrative.

It takes a smooth talker with a wicked tale of hardships to make-A garage owner give away ten gallons of gas; Two policeman give up a dollar

A restaurant owner to cough up 100 cents and a bag of grub; An automobile repair man to do-

square meals; But Joseph Wallace, who signs "M D." after his name, is the lished in the Washington Times. He smoothest of smooth talkers.

Accompanied by his wife and a thirteen-months-old baby, Wallace breezed into Washington late Mon-

day afternoon from Marion, S. C. His pocketbook was empty, his auto-mobile minus gas and working with But when Wallace left town last night, he was a different person. He had money, the amount of

which is not exactly known, he had plenty of cigarettes, he had food, he this through the following story: "Three weeks ago I was a prac-ticing physician in Marion, South

Judge Barley Renews "Whitewash" Efforts, but Finds

Stumbling Block.

By A. Cloyd Gill. A bold move to halt the probe of the divorce evil in Little Reno and give Judge Robinson Moncure a clean bill of health without further investigation was attempted late yesterday by Judge L. C. Barley, member of the bar association

Move Balked by Norton.

In the midst of Moncure's stat ment, Judge Barley, who has been repeatedly referred to as "one of the whitewashers" of the divorce ring, interrupted the speaker to

"Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that since it is the sense of this committee that none of the charges against Judge Moncure have been substantiated, and that Mr. Cobb. of The Washington Times has re fused to appear before this body the whole matter should be dropped

right where it stands. Judge J. K. M. Norton, another member of the committee balked the move by declaring that he 'could not agree to such a procedure.

"I think we should go into it horoughly. I'm not at all satisfied to stop the investigation." Moncure was on the witness stand

all of yesterday. He will resume his statement tomorrow at 10 o'clock before the bar association's probe committee.

Blames Members of Bar. Throughout his defense. Moncure has placed the responsibility for the

divorce evil of Alexandria on members of the bar of that city.
"These divorce cases cannot come to me spontaneously," "They are prepared by attorneys. When the papers come to me they

are properly prepared.
"Having confidence in my attorneys, I have accepted all bills of

complaint in good faith. "Not a single case has been pointout here as being irregular in far as the court is concerned. Those cited were merely where it

Moncure said he had never grant-

ed a final divorce decree on the un-supported testimony of Mrs. Mary L. Baggett, known as the divorce queen of Alexandria, because of her frequent appearance as a profes sional divorce witness.

Assails Dr. Crafts.

Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, head of the International Reform Bureau, who some time ago deplored the apathy of the ministers of Alexan-dria in the matter of the divorce

evil, was assailed by Moncure.
"This alien Crafts," Moncure said, "has the temerity to try and

browbeat the ministers of this city and force them to take unjust action again a man unheard."

The judge quoted for the record score of headlines used over stories of the divorce evil as pubmade a blanket denial of the charges they carried and finished with the

statement: "The charges so far as they af-fect me in the matter of law are false. All divorce decrees granted by me have been regular and cor-

Moncure told in detail the story of his connection with Mrs. Mary L. Baggett. In substance, it follows: Arriving in Alexandria nineteer years ago, Mrs. Baggett was one of the first acquaintances Moncure had gas and the brakes of his car the first acquaintances monetred had been relined. And he got all made, she was operating a small had been relined. And he got all made, she was operating a small had been relined. candy shop on a piece of property on South Royal street. icing physician in Marion, South became interested in the property and later purchased it for \$2,000.

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Mrs. Baggett became so exercised